## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of \$ Art Group: 3676

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For: Conformable Apparatus in a Drill String

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed June 26, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on September 26, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

## AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: